First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

June 4, 2023
10:00 am

This is Good
Created and Creating

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **JOSHUA CATANIA**

Improvisation on Come to the Table of Grace
Barbara Hamm

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.
- **Today—the first Sunday of the month--we celebrate the birthdays of folks in our faith community born in this month by singing "Happy Birthday**" Chris Hale-1, Roger Meiller-1, Ellie Gusman-15, Steve Cagle-30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **PATTY SHERWOOD**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The **Zoom Host** is **Donna Eyster** who will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - **This is the first Sunday of the month; we will be sharing communion during this service. Please gather your own elements. Creativity is a blessing!**
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Call to Prayer"
61 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive with microphone muted **PATTY SHERWOOD**

Leader: What is God like?

People: God is caring and tender.

Leader: What is God like?

People: God is slow to anger.

Leader: What is God like?

People: God is rich in kindness.

Leader: Maker, Jesus and Holy Spirit

People: God welcomes us with love.

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Siyahamb' ekukhabyen' kwenkhos'"
("We Are Marching in the Light of God")
528 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

SCRIPTURE READING **Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a** **PATTY SHERWOOD**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Like the Murmur of A Dove's Song"
270 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Created and Creating"** **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

*Pause Zoom recording (button with two vertical lines)
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

Use this moment of silence to offer your own prayers.

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Renew your whole creation, nature and grace, soul and body,
and all matter of matter.
Move in and around us.
Fill us with your creative energy and extravagant light.
May our hearts be open,
May our hearts be stirred for the work of love to which you call us and
the hope of the world for which we labor. Amen.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

This time of giving is a sacred symbol of our intent to live as God intends.
Let us give freely as we are able.

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Improvisation"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v 2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
*Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief***.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **PATTY SHERWOOD**

May these gifts, and the way we live our lives each day,
proclaim the good news offered to us through the radical Jesus. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Come to the Table of Grace"
112 SING

COMMUNION SERVICE **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Christ's table!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Profetiza, Pueblo mio"
("You Shall Prophesy, All My People")
578 NCH

BENEDICTION *Responsive with microphones muted **DAN KIDDER-MCQUOWN**

Leader: Be strong and happy. Help one another.

People: We will walk together in joy.

Leader: Work with each other. Live in peace and justice.

People: We will walk together in hope,

Leader: Grow in kindness and mercy.

People: We will walk together in love. Amen.

POSTLUDE **"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
Joseph M. Scriven

PASSING THE PEACE *Stop Zoom Recording (square button) **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown, Bringing the Message
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Joshua Cantania, Accompanist
Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Patty Sherwood, Worship Leader
Donna Eyster, Zoom Host

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526 *Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'*. This South African freedom song was a reminder that the Christian nat'l government did not monopolize religious faith in the nation. The people's *Amandla (*Zulu for *power)* came from the desire for rights and freedoms being expressed by the black majority. South African strife gave birth to freedom songs for racial equality and justice. Accompanying protest marches, large groups of people sang to give voice to their commitment to a more just world. South African freedom music played a central role in the overthrow of a minority white government.

578 *Profetiza, Pueblo mio*. Rosa Martha Zarate Marcias wrote this song to express the needs of the poor, oppressed, suffering people of North & South American, calling them to unite and free themselves from the yokes imprisoning them. She believes prophetic work must come from within the Pueblo community itself. Zarate Marcias traces her heritage to the Pueblo people who occupied these continents before it was called America. The Pueblos, now factionalized, are called Apaches, Cahuilla, Yais, Navajos, Mexicans, Latino/a/s (among others), call these continents Abya Yala. Rosa Martha sees herself as a canton/musician in the Mexican-Nahuatl tradition. It is the cantors' mission to accompany their people on the journey through time, keeping alive their stories and social history. In her culture, this is a religious calling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Donna Eyster, 734-780-5857.

Thank you, Dan, for sharing your faith, love and witness this morning with your always inspiring message. You are a blessing.

Worship Next Week: Zoom Host/Greeter, Anne Marie Nicoll-Turner; Bringing the Message, Rev. Jay Cummings; Worship Leader, Kiki Fugate.

Church Council will meet with **Rev. Cheryl Burke, Michigan Conference UCC Associate Minister on Thursday, June 8**, **7:00 PM** on Zoom. Rev Cheryl will help us chart our course forward in these uncertain times. **All are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

Looking ahead:

- **June 11th –** Rev. Jay Cummings will be with us again. Jay has filled the pulpit periodically over many years between pastoral leadership.
- **June 18th –** We welcome Rev. John Rohde who will bring the message. John, now retired, is a former pastor of this faith community and a longtime supporter of this congregation.
- **June 25th –** Rev. Jeanette Sherrill will bring the message, **Daring Discipleship.**

Thank you to Jay, John and Jeanette for sharing their faith and witness with us.

. . . . it takes a village.

UCC celebrates Pride 2023, by **Maic D'Agostino**, May 30, *2023*
https://www.ucc.org/ucc-celebrates-pride-2023-with-special-events-programs-and-resources-for-churches/

For many years, June has been a time to celebrate the diversity of God's LGBTQ+ children. Throughout the United Church of Christ, **Pride Month** is a time to acknowledge the ongoing struggle for human rights and dignity — especially within Christian spaces — while uplifting a community shaped by love and joy through a wide variety of identities and expressions.

This year, the annual observation has taken on particular significance to leaders and activists, due to **the high number of anti-LGBTQ+ bills** that have been proposed and passed in many states.

"Pride month began as a riot and continues to be," said Rachael Ward, UCC team lead and minister for gender and sexuality justice, and executive director of the **UCC HIV & AIDS Network**. "Not in the form of violence media and fictional narratives like to share, but as a nonviolent display of queer resilience, joy and becoming. This year, queer siblings will defy the empire's threats and celebrate louder. This year, love must be louder than the hatred and disembodying attempts of those in deep fear of God's abundant and vibrant creation."

Need to love 'loud enough' - Ward pointed to the many legislative attacks across the country — especially on trans youth — as evidence of the immediate need for taking action and speaking up this Pride Month.

"This year is like no other," they said. "**Nearly 500 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills** so far have come before legislative bodies arguing over and attempting to disembody God's *Imago Dei* imprinted upon queer bodies. And when one part of the body cries out, we all cry. But are we crying loud enough? Are we loving loud enough in action?"

The UCC National Setting is taking that call to love out loud seriously.

This year, the National Setting is serving as a co-sponsor — along with at least two UCC-affiliated congregations, **Cathedral of Hope** in Dallas and **The Riverside Church** in New York City — of **Faith for Pride**, a month-long initiative of the **Interfaith Alliance**. The Faith for Pride website includes **resources for event planning and LGBTQ+ advocacy**, as well as **a map of Pride events** from various co-sponsors.

Faith for Pride: This June, show your support for LGBTQ+ equality.

The majority of faith groups and congregations across the country are inspired by their traditions to celebrate the inherent dignity and worth of all people, including the many beloved LGBTQ+ members of their communities. But an extremist minority is working to distort the meaning of religious freedom to discriminate against those who identify or believe differently than they do. As people of faith, it's vital that we fight back against these heinous efforts and voice our support for our LGBTQ+ siblings' right to live with full dignity and safety.

OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS AND TEA FOR THE SOUL - During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR) - Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION – Ypsilanti First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

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Call to Prayer

♩=100
D
G/D
A/D
G/D
♩=100
5
D
D/F♯
G
D
1. Float - ing and flam - ing and fill - ing new life.
2. Search - ing and sav - ing and sooth - ing in - deed.
3. Call - ing and car - ing and chang - ing each heart.
9
F♯m
Bm
E
A
Hov - 'ring and heal - ing and help - ing with sighs.
Teach - ing and turn - ing and tak - ing the lead;
Lov - ing and lift - ing us to a new start;

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Em A Bm/A A7 D/F♯ Em
Spir - it at work since the dawn - ing of time;
Lov - ing - ly par - en - ting birth - ing new ways;
Je - sus our Sav - ior, our teach - er, our Lord;
17
A Bm C♯dim Bm G Em/G A D
meet us right here, touch us right now.
meet us right here, touch us right now.
meet us right here, touch us right now.
21
A Bm C♯dim Bm G Em A D
Meet us right here, touch us right now.
Meet us right here, touch us right now.
Meet us right here, touch us right now.

526 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

Ps. 89:15

South African freedom song; transl. Freedom Is Coming, *1984*

G D7 G C
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
1 D G 2 D
hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing in the
G G7 C
nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - ham - ba,
kha - nyen' kwen-khos', ham - ba, si - ya -
light of God. We are march-ing,
the light of God. march-ing, we are
Last time, end
G C D G
Oo, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.
ham - ba, ham - ba,
Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.
march-ing, march-ing,

This South African song and fourteen others were first recorded and published in 1980 by the Church of Sweden Mission and the singing group "Fjedur" after a visit they made to South Africa. The subsequent 1984 collection Freedom Is Coming *brought the songs to a worldwide audience.*

Tune: SIYAHAMBA Irr.
South African song

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song 270

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982 *Isa. 38:14; Rom. 8:26; 12:4–5; John 15:1–5*

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal-lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease-less voice of
flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the
new flame's ea - ger might:
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare:

Carl P. Daw, Jr., wrote this text for The Hymnal 1982 *(Episcopal), and expressly for the tune* Bridegroom. *Born and educated in England, composer Peter Cutts has served as music director for churches in Massachusetts and on the faculty of Andover Newton Theological School.*

Tune: BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6.
Peter Cutts, 1969

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Come to the Table of Grace

♩=90
F C/E Dm F7/C B♭ C7
1. Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the ta - ble of
2. Come to the ta - ble of peace. Come to the ta - ble of
3. Come to the ta - ble of love. Come to the ta - ble of
4. Come to the ta - ble of joy. Come to the ta - ble of
♩=90
7
F C F Gm7 F/A
grace. This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or
peace. This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or
love. This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or
joy. This is Christ's ta - ble not just yours or
12
B♭sus2 F/C B♭/C C7 F B♭/F F
mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.
mine. Come to the ta - ble of peace.
mine. Come to the ta - ble of love.
mine. Come to the ta - ble of joy.

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Profetiza, Pueblo mío 1/2

(You Shall Prophesy, All My People)

Acts 2:17–21; Rev. 10:11

Rosa Martha Zárate Macías, 1989; rev. 1994
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, *1994*

Estribillo (Refrain)
Unison

Em Am C D Em
Pro - fe - ti - za, Pue-blo mí - o, pro - fe - ti - za u-na vez más.
You shall proph - e - sy, all my peo - ple, you shall proph - e - sy once more,
Em C D Em
Que tu voz sea el e - co del cla-mor de los Pue-blos en o - pre - sión.
That your voice may ech - o all the cries of the peo-ple who are op - pressed.
Am Em B7 E7
Pro - fe - ti - za, Pue-blo mí - o, pro - fe - ti - za u-na vez más,
You shall proph - e - sy, my peo - ple, you shall proph-e - sy once more,
Am Em B7 Em
to Stanzas
a-nun-ción - do-le a los po - bres u-na nue-va so - cie - dad.
to the poor an-nounce the com - ing of a new so - ci - e - ty.
Last time, end

Rosa Martha Zárate Macías wrote this hymn for her Mexican People and other Pueblos deprived of their homeland, whom the Great Spirit calls to be prophets, men and women of courage, responsible for constructing the new society based in justice and love.

Tune: PROPHESY Irr. with refrain
Rosa Martha Zárate Macías, 1989
Harm. Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon, 1993

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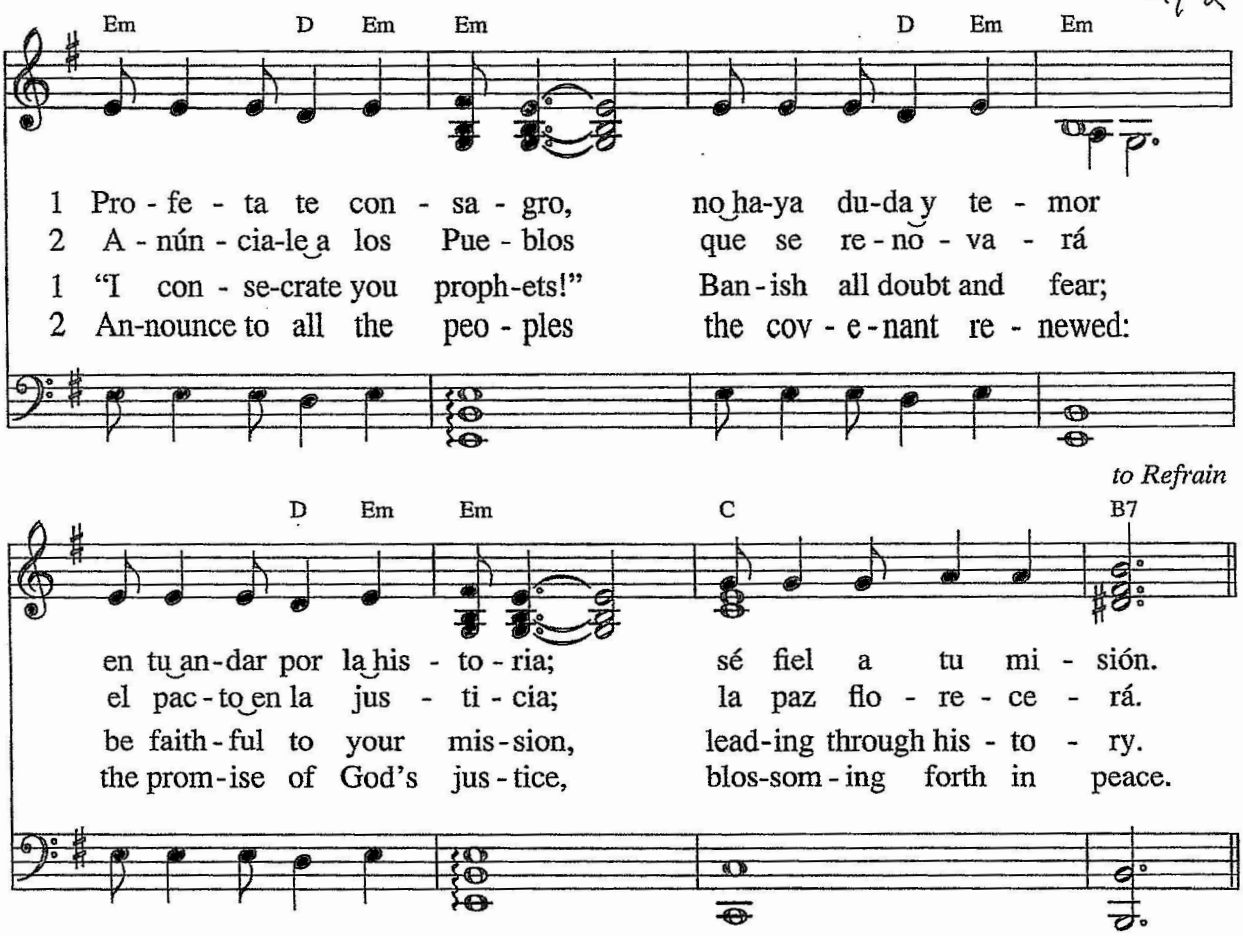
Em D Em Em D Em Em
1 Pro - fe - ta te con - sa - gro, no ha-ya du-da y te - mor
2 A - nún - cia-le a los Pue - blos que se re - no - va - rá
1 "I con - se-crate you proph-ets!" Ban-ish all doubt and fear;
2 An-nounce to all the peo - ples the cov - e - nant re - newed:
to Refrain
D Em Em C B7
en tu an-dar por la his - to - ria; sé fiel a tu mi - sión.
el pac - to en la jus - ti - cia; la paz flo - re - ce - rá.
be faith-ful to your mis-sion, lead-ing through his - to - ry.
the prom-ise of God's jus - tice, blos-som - ing forth in peace.

3 De-nun-cia a quie-nes cau-san
el llan-to y la o-pre-sión
la ver-dad sea tu es-cu-do
sé luz de un nue-vo sol.
Estribillo

4 Es-ta sea tu es-pe-ran-za,
es-te sea tu lu-char,
cons-tru-ir en la jus-ti-cia
la nue-va so-cie-dad.
Estribillo

3 De-nounce those who are caus-ing,
all those op-pressed to cry,
Truth will be your pro-tec-tion,
the light of a new sun.
Refrain

4 Let this hope be your mis-sion,
let hope be-come your fight,
To build a so-cial or-der
with jus-tice at its base.
Refrain